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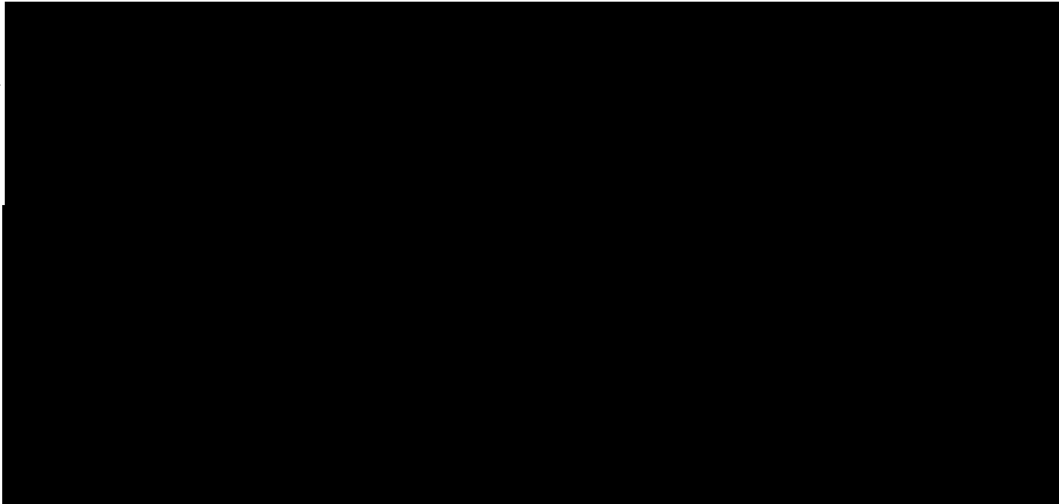


16 March 1965

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. Larry Houston announced that our appropriations hearings would be held sometime between now and 27 April, at which time Congressman Mahon expects to consider the Department of Defense appropriations bill.

b. The Director has agreed to meet with Congressman Rivers' committee at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, 19 March. Larry asked me for any items which I thought would be appropriate to discuss, bearing in mind that there are several new members on the committee who know very little about the Agency.



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b. [redacted] also showed [redacted] cable from [redacted] which said, in effect, that this is not the time to push our negotiations for privileges and immunities and that we should rock along as is, continuing meetings as appropriate but not pushing hard for a final agreement. In the light of the very unsettled situation there now, I think that this is the right course of action.

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c. I reminded [redacted] that the dollar volume of his research and development contracts was lagging and urged him to put these contracts on the front burner as soon as possible. He assured me that this

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is well in hand, that, although the dollar volume may be well behind, the number of projects is not, and that he intends to use all his research and development money this fiscal year.

3. Emmett Echols was in to discuss several items.

a. The Agency has received a request from at least one Congressman to offer summer employment to one of his constituents. I therefore reviewed with Emmett a proposed letter to this Congressman, after which others would be patterned. We should definitely disclose to the Congressman that we will have a summer employment program and then explain why we can't employ his constituent. I authorized Emmett to use the letter which he had prepared for [REDACTED] signature.

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b. Emmett showed me a proposed instruction which he intends to issue governing the entry on duty of clerical personnel into the Interim Assignment Section. I approved.

c. Emmett told me that he has discovered two or three other cases of nepotism and that, in his opinion, too many of these cases are college dropouts. Bearing in mind that these employees no doubt intend to progress to the professional ranks and our concern about educational qualifications, particularly for people entering the Support Career Services, we agreed that his study on nepotism, which I talked with him about a few days ago, should proceed at a more rapid pace. It may be that we will wish to establish some standards, formal testing, etc., for clerical employees entering the professional ranks.

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f. Emmett Echols talked with me about having a dinner somewhere outside the Agency at which all of our athletic trophies would be presented. I said that I had no objection to this but they should recognize that they would not get General Carter or other senior people to attend a dinner or a luncheon at some distance from the Agency. I suggested they consider as an alternative the reservation of the small cafeteria for a luncheon, for which they might get senior officers to attend and participate.

4. [REDACTED] the newly appointed Chief of Station, [REDACTED] was in for a brief visit. He is leaving for [REDACTED] very soon and will return to Headquarters in June, at which time he will have a better idea of what his support requirements will be at the new station.

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5. I advised [REDACTED] that we had decided not to recommend anyone from the Agency for the Warner W. Stockberger Award this year and addressed a letter to Mr. Willis Underwood to this effect.

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6. Matt Baird was in to discuss several items with me.

a. Matt left a draft memorandum for me to discuss with Mr. Kirkpatrick which proposes that all external requests for Agency speakers be referred to [REDACTED] Chief of the Intelligence and Orientation School. There apparently have been a few cases recently in which people responded to an invitation to speak or to send a speaker and the results were not very good. (I will discuss this with Kirk.)

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c. I read a memorandum prepared [REDACTED] reporting on a meeting which he attended and which [REDACTED] chaired dealing with the question of whether the [REDACTED] should be retained in the [REDACTED] or transferred to the [REDACTED] or the Office of Training. Tom apparently took a very strong stand that it should be transferred [REDACTED] I told Matt that

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I was not at all anxious to see OTR have this responsibility and that we should not inject ourselves into it further unless we are asked to become involved. If we are asked to take it over, we can do so provided we are given the dollars and the personnel ceiling to do the job. Actually, I have always questioned the validity of this requirement, and I would not be too happy to have the responsibility for it. Matt sees in this, however, a further move in the direction of putting [REDACTED] the training business, with which he, of course, disagrees.

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7. I talked with Matt Baird about the following items:

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b. I also talked with Matt about the maximum security facility which the Office of Security and DD/P have recommended for con-[REDACTED] He had no objection to this.

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8. I queried [REDACTED] of the Office of Finance prior to approving his appointment as an agent cashier. There was no unfavorable information in either file; therefore, I approved the appointment. The Office of Security is now reinvestigating him, and I asked for a report as soon as the reinvestigation is complete.

9. Emmett Echols reported that [REDACTED] was not given a provisional clearance to enter on duty in the pool until a full field investigation had been conducted. In other words, everything had been accomplished except the polygraph interview. I therefore can't criticize him quite as much as I did.

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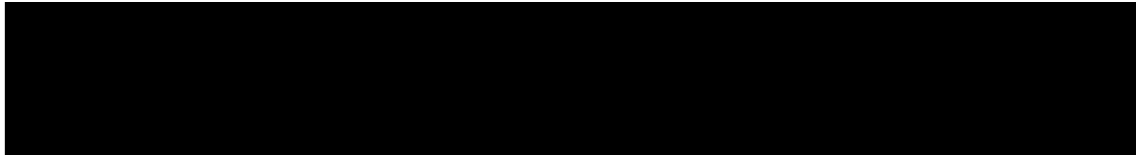
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11. Matt Baird was in to discuss several items.

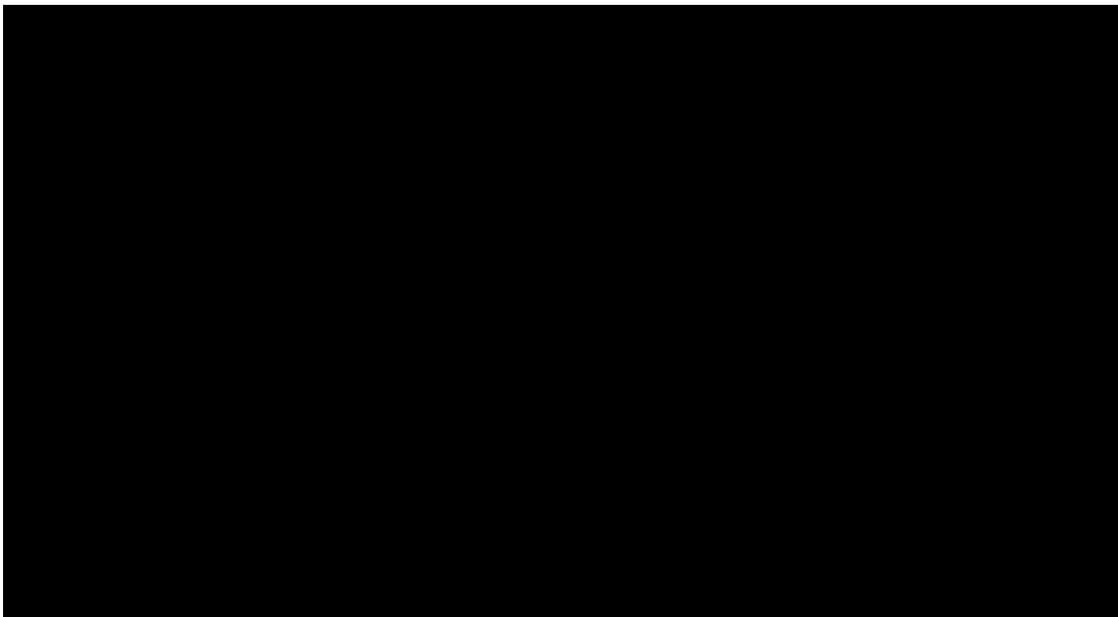
a. Matt reported that [REDACTED] has been reconsidering the question of a summer employment program [REDACTED] and has now decided that he does not want one.

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b. I authorized Matt to submit a recommendation for the promotion of [REDACTED] to grade GS-16. I told him, however, that I didn't know whether we would be able to get it through because of the current freeze on supergrade promotions and the unanswered question as to how many supergrade slots remain available to the various directorates.

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